Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is a large ethanol producer, and our state has significantly benefitted from the ethanol industry, and the goal is to use more of our homegrown fuel by using E15, the newest fuel in the marketplace; and,

Whereas, E15 is approved for use in all vehicles made since 2001, E15 is ideally suited for drivers who value lower emissions and more affordable gas; and,

Whereas, The environmental benefits of ethanol have benefited the citizens of our state, nation, and the entire world; and,

Whereas, Increased ethanol use the foundation for reducing dependence on foreign sources of oil, reducing the price of transportation fuels, reducing transportation fuel emissions, increasing rural incomes, encouraging the development and expansion of a new advanced biofuels, and consequently promoting economic growth; and,

Whereas, Ethanol production assists in bringing new technologies to farmers and consumers and points the country in the direction of energy independence; and,

Whereas, South Dakota has 15 ethanol plants that produce 1.1 billion gallons annually and directly employ over 500 employees; and,

Whereas, South Dakota raised approximately 826 million bushels of corn in 2016 and utilized 370 million bushels of corn to produce over 3,500,000 metric tons of animal feed such as dried distiller's grain; and,

Whereas, Approximately 31,000 South Dakota farmers support their families and reinvigorate rural communities through innovative and high-tech agricultural production:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2017, as

E15 DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State